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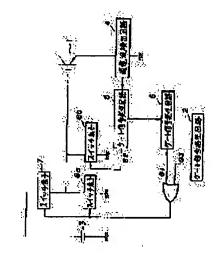
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### (54) IGBT DRIVING CIRCUIT

### (57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To obtain a highly reliable IGBT driving circuit which can be integrated easily on a circuit board and causes no erroneous operation due to noise by sequentially lowering the gate voltage to zero when an overcurrent endures for longer than a predetermined interval.

CONSTITUTION: If an overcurrent detecting circuit 4 detects an overcurrent when an IGBT1 is turned ON, a detection signal is delivered to a gate signal generating circuit 5. When the overcurrent detecting circuit 4 delivers signals for longer than a predetermined time, the circuit 5 turns a switch element 8b ON based on a gate signal G2. Consequently, the IGBT1 has a gate voltage determined by a voltage bearing ratio which is



determined by the ON resistance ratio between switch elements 7 and 8b. The gate signal generating circuit 5 also delivers a signal to a gate signal generating circuit 6. The circuit 6 holds the signal delivered from the circuit 5 for a predetermined interval and subsequently delivers a gate signal G1 for turning the elements 7 and 8b, respectively, OFF and ON thus bringing the gate signal to be applied on the IGBT1 to zero.

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